*From the Pastor’s desk:*

**ULTIMATE EXAMPLE**

"Do not let anyone think less of you because you are young but be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, your love, your faith and your purity" **1 Timothy 4:12 NIV**

Apart from the two points I highlighted last week being part of the lessons learnt from **2 Sam 5**, there is another salient point, and that is love.

To any serious Christian, the story of that slave girl in the house of Naaman should challenge us. I suppose if the girl would show favour at all, it should not be to the household of Naaman. Being a slave could not have been a pleasant experience for her no matter how well she was treated. But thank God for the Spirit of God. Thank God for godly virtues. Thank God for love. Thank God for a heart of gold.

Everything we do should be to the glory of God. The Scriptural verse above particularly highlights each of the areas we should be showing example. One factor which I believe ties it all together is love. The way we love others in turn will influence what we are saying, how we live, our faith in God and our purity.

The way we are supposed to demonstrate love is described in the Bible as follows:

“Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.” **1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT**

The story of the slave girl gives a short and sweet summary on how to love and by following these criteria we can make a difference in a world that is so full of hurt and hatred. Without mincing words, God is calling us all to set an example to those around us. So, be an ultimate example. God bless you.

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